

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
22727.04060

In Re Application Of: McDonald et al.

Application No.  
09/591,432

Filing Date  
06/09/2000

Examiner  
MILLER, Ryan J.

Customer No.  
24024

Group Art Unit  
2621

Confirmation No.  
3078

Invention:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING A SEED VIGOR INDEX FROM GERMINATING  
SEEDLINGS BY AUTOMATIC SEPARATION OF OVERLAPPED SEEDLINGS**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 10, 2004 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: June 10, 2004    until: August 10, 2004  
*Date*    *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☒ has already been filed in this application.

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	41 -	30 =	11	x \$9.00	\$99.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	13 -	5 =	8	x \$43.00	\$344.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$443.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$210.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$653.00

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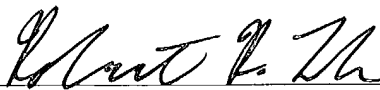
The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. **03-0172** in the amount of **\$653.00**
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **03-0172**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **03-0172**

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Dated: August 10, 2004

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **August 10, 2004** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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